

WHAT IS CLAIMED:

1. A protective case for a mouthguard, comprising:
 - (a) a base;
 - (b) a cover hinged to the base; and
 - 5 (c) a partition oriented substantially normal to the base, the partition being adapted to engage the mouthguard and to prevent movement of the mouthguard within the case.
2. The protective case of claim 1, wherein the partition is curved to match the shape of the mouthguard.
- 10 3. The protective case of claim 1, wherein the case is impregnated with an antimicrobial agent.
4. The protective case of claim 1, further comprising a tether adapted to secure the case to an athletic helmet.

5. A protective case for a mouthguard, comprising:
- (a) a base;
 - (b) a cover hinged to the base;
 - (c) a mouthguard holder pivotally engaging the base; and
 - 5 (d) a first spring biasing the mouthguard holder away from the base.
6. The protective case of claim 5, further comprising a second spring biasing the cover away from the mouthguard holder.
7. The protective case of claim 6, further comprising a stop on the cover, the stop engaging the second spring and slidably engaging the mouthguard holder, whereby
- 10 motion of the cover away from the base allows the first spring to raise the mouthguard holder, and whereby motion of the cover toward the base forces the mouthguard holder toward the base.
8. The protective case of claim 5, wherein the case is impregnated with an antimicrobial agent.
- 15 9. The protective case of claim 5, further comprising a tether adapted to secure the case to an athletic helmet.
10. The protective case of claim 5, further comprising a belt clip.
11. The protective case of claim 5, further comprising a vent aperture.